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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, L/C, CZ, US

SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGREEMENT

1. SUMMARY: MFA PRESENTED

AIDE-MEMOIRE JULY 24 WITH COPIES

ATTACHED OF (A) NOTE TRANSMITTED JULY 24 TO BRITISH EMBASSY  
(IDENTIC NOTE WAS TRANSMITTED TO FRENCH EMBASSY) COVERING  
(B) LETTER DATED JULY 24 FROM CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR IN  
BRUSSELS TO TRIPARTITE COMMISSION NOTIFYING COMMISSION OF  
INITIALING OF CLAIMS AGREEMENTS AND ITS STIPULATIONS REGARD-  
ING GOLD DELIVERY. END SUMMARY.

2. ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPARTMENT MFA) INVITED CHARGE TO  
CALL JULY 24 AND PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH COPY OF NOTE TO  
UK EMBASSY AND ATTACHED LETTER TO TRIPARTITE COMMISSION.

ZANTOVSKY EXPLAINED THAT LETTER WAS MEANT TO INFORM  
COMMISSION OFFICIALLY OF THE INITIALING OF THE CLAIMS  
AGREEMENT AND TO EXPLAIN TO THE COMMISSION

THE PROCEDURE

AGREED UPON BY US AND CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE FOR DELIVERY OF THE  
GOLD IN ZURICH. THIS PROCESS OF INFORMING THE COMMISSION,  
ZANTOVSKY SAID, WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
ARTICLES 7 AND 11 OF THE AGREEMENT, BEING IN EFFECT THE COMMENCE-  
MENT OF PARTIAL PREPARATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THOSE ARTICLES.

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HE ADDED THAT THE NOTES WERE ALSO MEANT TO BRING THE UK

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY INTO THIS PROCESS, IN WHICH THE UK WOULD BE INVOLVED. (ZANTOVSKY EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NOT PROBLEM OF ANY KIND ON THE FRENCH SIDE, TALKS WITH THE UK ON CLAIMS MIGHT START AS EARLY AS THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS ON MATTERS INVOLVING THE UK. JULY 25 CHARGE DISCUSSED NOTES WITH UK CHARGE, WHO SAID HE THOUGH OCTOBER WAS LIKELIER STARTING DATE. NOTE HAD PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS TO UK.)

3. ZANTOVSKY SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WAS NO NEWS FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. CHARGE SAID THERE WAS NONE, ALTHOUGH WE HAD IN THE MEANWHILE INFORMED OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION ABOUT THE INITIALING OF THE AGREEMENT, AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT WORK WAS PROCEEDING ON ANNEXES A AND B.

4. TEXTS OF AIDE-MEMOIRE AND ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. ORIGINALS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EE) WITH MEMCON. PERRY

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